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For: SAMPLING TUBE-TYPE SMOKE DETECTOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
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Japanese laid-open patent application No. 6-290354 discloses a smoke detecting device for a suction unit 7 which constitute a sampling two-type detector dedicated to the detector body and is a cube shape. The device 4 is arranged in a corner of the detector body 1 and connects with the sampling tube 2. The suction unit 7 has a motor-driven centrifugal-type fan and discharges the air at a predetermined flow rate to the exterior of the detector body 1. The suction unit 7 is arranged in the smoke detecting device 4 in a corner of the body 1 on an opposite side. Portions other than the smoke detecting device 4 and suction unit 7 within body 1 form a cavity and define a chamber.

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After air suctioned via the sampling tube 2 passes the smoke detecting device 4 and is discharged into the chamber, it is discharged to the exterior of the detected body with the section unit 7. By using a chamber with a low pressure and suctioning the air, the state of suctioned air within the sampling tube 2 is stabilized.

Japanese laid-open patent application No. JP10-267803 describes a sampling tube-type environment/monitoring sensor which detects the concentration of at least one element among the molecules in air, gas and odor in at least one branch passage. The air of the monitored space is branched off and sectioned to a plurality of branch passages and an air resistance device is formed in at least one branch passage.

Japanese laid-open patent application No. JP11-025374 describes an odor detecting element in the same monitor space as the space in which a smoke detecting element is provided and a proper smoke detecting element is also provided in the monitor space side and a dust removal filter is provided between the smell detecting elements and the smoke detecting elements. The output power from the odor detecting element is input into an alarm board that discriminates whether or not there is a fire based on the output signal from the smoke detecting element and the smell detecting element. The alarm control circuit enables generation of an alarm when the output signal becomes greater than a predetermined value.

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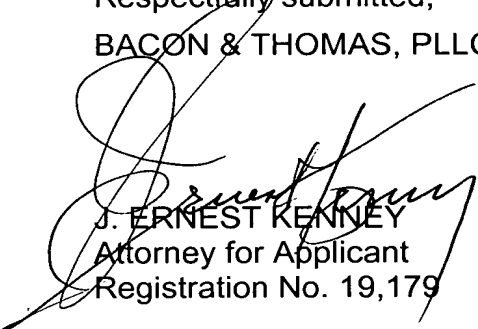
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U.S. Patent Documents

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Foreign Patent Documents

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						Yes	No
	JP06-290354	Oct. 1994	Japan				X
	JP10-267803	Oct. 1998	Japan				X
	JP11-025374	Jan. 1999	Japan				X

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